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Dear Chief of Police:

NORC at the University of Chicago is undertaking an important national study designed to provide information on the circumstances of all types of families across America. The study is sponsored by the Federal Reserve Board.

Some households in your area have been selected as part of a national random sample for this study. Starting in April and continuing into December, NORC interviewers will contact selected households in your community. Interviewers will visit pre-selected households, explain the study to an adult and, after informed consent has been obtained, interview selected individuals in each household. Since residents are frequently concerned about security and safety, we wanted to inform your organization of this research project and alert you that our interviewers will be present in your community. On other national research projects we have found that some people selected to be interviewed have called organizations such as yours for information about our presence.

Be assured that participation in this study by your residents is completely voluntary and that our interviewers will adhere to the strictest professional standards. Our interviewers will be wearing photo identification badges which state that they are NORC representatives. The interviewers are trained professionals who have signed legally binding pledges of confidentiality.

NORC is one of the oldest and most prestigious social survey research organizations in the nation. We have been conducting nationwide surveys for 75 years, during which we have earned a reputation for research that is scientifically sound and in the public interest.

If you have any questions or would like more information on the study or NORC, please call me toll-free at 1-800-609-2911 or e-mail me at bard-suzanne@norc.org.

Sincerely,

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